

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission to order on April 19, 2022, at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Chair Fisher

Present: Chair Fisher, Commissioner Abelson, Vice-Chair Dunlap, and Commissioner Hughes

Council Liaison: Councilmember Jon Primuth arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Absent:

Staff Present: Ted Gerber, Director of Public Works, and Leaonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant (“PA”)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Public Comment – General

INFORMATION REPORTS

2. Project Status Update

PWD Gerber presented a project update.

A very comprehensive list of mobility projects and their status was presented to the commission. The commission was very pleased with the very extensive list. It was suggested to just add information on deadlines or calendar references to the document. Budget details would also be helpful.

Commissioner Abelson inquired about the Orange Grove and Columbia streets area. Director Gerber reported that the City of Pasadena was working on improving the striping in the area. It was also shared that the City of South Pasadena would be meeting with the City of Pasadena every month to discuss transportation and other issues.

The group discussed the rock “City of South Pasadena” sign visible from the Arroyo Parkway. The area has been cleared. The area still needs some sprinklers repairs to be completed.

The commission voiced that there is continuing interest in obtaining accident data regarding Meridian Avenue. It is hoped that the data can be shared at a future meeting.

3. Commission Evaluation Update

PWD Gerber presented an update on this item.

Steps are being developed to streamline meetings, so they can be reduced in time length. This will help to reduce the workload of city staff. It is also a goal to keep meeting under two hours, where possible.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on March 15, 2022

Minutes approved as amended. Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Abelson (4-0, motion passes).

COMMUNICATIONS

5. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Liaison Primuth informed the Commission that at the City Council meeting on April 20, 2022, the City Council will be reviewing the renewal of the Farmer's Market Contract with the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Primuth expressed enthusiasm about the proposed new Transportation Engineer position, which will provide support to the staffing to the existing commission structure.

6. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Dunlap reminded the Commission of AB43, California's New Speed Limit Law, which Commissioner Abelson addressed at a prior meeting and he believes will provide local jurisdictions will benefit the City and allow the city the opportunity to revisit some of the existing posted speeds. Commissioner Dunlap also announced the 626 Golden Streets upcoming event on May 1.

Commissioner Abelson noted on the City Manager's desire for transparency and keeping the community apprised on what's going on in the City and he believes its critical that the community is aware of the Commission meetings. He suggested including the announcement of the Commission meetings on the various City social media sites and publications. Commissioner Abelson expressed his frustration with the lack of progress on the City's transportation projects.

Commissioner Hughes commented on getting some of the projects started and completed for the community. She is looking forward to upcoming projects and development projects.

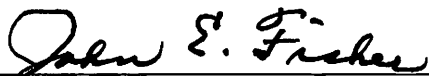
Chair Fisher commented on the need to make informed decisions by using traffic data and collision reports. He also expressed concerns with AB43, which could establish virtual speed traps and without review for up to 14 years. He also commented on his meeting with Vice Chair Dunlap and PWD Gerber regarding streamlining the meetings, such as having a written status of projects and having a written report for each item on the agenda.

7. Staff Communications

PWD Gerber commented on the 626 Golden Streets event which will be held on May 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on May 17, 2022.



John Fisher, Chair